



SPECIAL MEETING 2 MINUTES

November 6, 2018
Central Office
5:30 p.m.

COPY RECEIVED
DATE: 11/20/18
TIME: 1:00pm
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

- BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Christopher Champagne
James Garofolo
Edward Strumello
- OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Michael Wilson, Superintendent of Schools
Fred Dorsey, Board Attorney
Lee-Ann Dauerty, Board Clerk
Jim Freund, Principal, Seymour High School
Rich Kearns, Director of Security
Student
Student's Family

Mr. Strumello called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

1. To consider and act upon the recommendation from the administration regarding student expulsion

MOTION: (Mr. Champagne/sec., Mr. Garofolo) move that the Board enter executive session to discuss a matter that would result in the disclosure of public records, or the information contained therein, as described in Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-210(b)(2), (11) and (17). Further, that the following individuals be invited to attend the executive session:

1. Student
2. Student's Family
3. Superintendent
4. Board's Counsel
5. Board Clerk
6. Director of Security
7. Principal, Seymour High School

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Strumello

Mr. Dorsey explained the procedures of the meeting.

In addition to the Board members, all those mentioned in the above motion met in Executive Session starting at 6:33 p.m. The Board members entered into deliberations for phase 1 at 7:17 p.m. The Board members entered into deliberations for phase 2 at 7:37 pm. The Board entered into Regular Session at 8:06 p.m.

MOTION: (Mr. Champagne/sec., Mr. Garofolo) move that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Seymour Board of Education shall expel the student discussed in executive session from attendance at Seymour High School for the period from October 23, 2018, through and including October 22, 2019, for the reasons presented by the Administration in this hearing.

The Superintendent is also authorized to allow early readmission on the first day of school following the December 2018 school vacation if, to the satisfaction of the Superintendent, the student:

1. Satisfactorily and regularly participates in his/her alternative educational opportunity, as determined by the Superintendent;
2. Is involved in no additional suspendable or expellable offenses as determined by the Superintendent; and
3. Performs twenty (20) hours of community service in a program approved by the Superintendent.

Should the student return early, he/she shall be on probation for the remainder of the original period of expulsion. While on probation, should the student commit another suspendable/expellable offense the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the unserved portion of the student's expulsion without the necessity of any further action by the Board.

Further, the Board directs the Administration to offer an alternative educational opportunity to the student for any period of expulsion, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(d), and in compliance with State Department of Education regulations.

The Board further directs the Administration, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(f), to record this expulsion on the student's cumulative educational record, to be expunged from such record if the student graduates from high school or as otherwise determined in accordance with then-existing Board policy and/or State law.

Finally, the Board authorizes Ed Strumello and Attorney Fred Dorsey to communicate in writing to the student and/or his/her parents/guardians/ attorney, as appropriate, the Board's decision and the reasons therefor, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Strumello

MOTION: (Mr. Champagne/sec., Mr. Garofolo) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Mr. Garofolo, Mr. Strumello

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Submitted by:
Lee-Ann Dauerty
Board Clerk